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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIALS	Oct. 1955	Oct. 1954	Sept. 1955
Anthracite Production (net tons).....*	2,136	2,194	2,333
Bituminous Coal Prod. (net tons).....*	31,780	36,652	41,000
Construction Contracts ($).....*	1,862,692	1,965,339	2,034,895
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....	127,765	92,918	139,880
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....	133,946	105,293	144,571
Industrial Production (FRB)1947-49=100	142.0	126.0	142.0
Mfg. Employment (BLS).....1947-49=100	108.2	102.0	108.2
Mfg. Payrolls (BLS).....1947-49=100	160.8	139.1	158.8
Newsprint Production (net tons).....	678,857	639,432	628,180
Newsprint Shipments (net tons).....	686,778	652,350	625,812
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....*	6,965	4,984	6,703
Rayon Yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	70,800	64,200	70,300
Rubber Consumption (long tons).....	.....	114,279	128,228
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....*	10,502	7,702	9,882
Zinc Production (net tons).....	89,462	67,047	83,448
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	85,770	73,967	83,664
	Sept. 1955	Sept. 1954	Aug. 1955
Coke Production (net tons).....*	6,393	4,505	6,395
Cotton Consumption (bales).....	874,837	817,459	717,227
Electricity Production (kw-hours).....†	52,907	45,489	55,917
Lead Production prim. (net tons).....	50,453	47,762	36,912
Lead Shipments prim. (net tons).....	46,250	30,891	41,468
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales (units)..	559,962	369,942	716,163
Tires - Production (units).....*	9,125	7,277	8,717
Tires - Shipments (units).....*	8,453	6,265	9,462
Wool Consumption (pounds).....*	35,100	30,900	37,800
	Aug. 1955	Aug. 1954	July 1955
Cement Production (barrels).....*	27,861	25,698	27,332
Cement Shipments (barrels).....*	31,580	28,887	29,124
Cigarette Production (units).....†	36,760	34,568	28,561
Gasoline Production (barrels).....*	119,601	108,250	118,548
Petroleum Production (barrels).....*	206,604	191,190	205,600
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....*	234,966	212,704	234,986

FINANCIALS	Oct. 1955	Oct. 1954	Sept. 1955
Bank Debits, Total U. S. ($).....†	175,807	152,322	169,000
Bank Debits, N. Y. C. ($).....†	67,568	58,792	62,550
Bank Debits, Outside N.Y.C. ($).....†	108,240	93,529	106,449
Bond Sales, N.Y. Stock Ex. ($).....*	151,042	67,945	119,758
Bond Sales, Am. Stock Ex. ($).....*	2,120	3,010	2,090
Bond Sales, Municipal ($).....*	909,275	615,479	407,314
Fire Losses ($).....*	58,778	57,668	65,970
Life Insurance Sales ($).....†	3,710	3,124	3,746
Stock Sales N.Y. Stock Ex. (shares)..*	42,178	44,169	60,100
Stock Sales Am. Stock Ex. (shares)...*	15,720	14,200	19,080
	Sept. 1955	Sept. 1954	Aug. 1955
Merchandise Exports U. S. ($).....*	1,248,000	1,114,800	1,231,900
Merchandise Imports U. S. ($).....*	953,000	780,400	958,900
Railway Earnings, Gross ($).....*	976,597	781,663	905,142
Railway Earnings, Net Op. Inc. ($)...*	103,765	80,249	109,723
Retail Sales ($).....†	15,900	14,100	15,600
Wholesale Sales ($).....†	10,700	9,600	10,500
Manufacturing Sales ($).....†	27,800	23,700	27,400
Retail Inventories ($).....†	23,300	22,500	23,100
Wholesale Inventories ($).....†	12,100	11,800	11,900
Manufacturing Inventories ($).....†	44,200	42,600	43,900

(*) 000 Omitted. (†) 000,000 Omitted.

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—October 1955 and 1954

(Thousands of dollars)

	OCT. 1955	OCT. 1954	% CHANGE	SEPT. 1955
Boston.....	2,863,373	2,656,733	+ 7.8	2,626,296
Philadelphia.....	4,962,000	4,654,000	+ 6.6	4,917,000
Buffalo.....	577,619	489,248	+ 18.1	543,335
Pittsburgh.....	1,853,308	1,516,893	+ 22.2	1,809,716
Cleveland.....	2,402,819	1,920,126	+ 25.1	2,269,236
Cincinnati.....	1,168,928	1,007,632	+ 16.0	1,151,093
Baltimore.....	1,455,606	1,239,875	+ 17.4	1,375,727
Richmond.....	950,500	862,575	+ 11.4	917,297
Atlanta.....	1,683,700	1,423,700	+ 18.3	1,611,900
New Orleans.....	795,279	735,219	+ 8.2	792,416
Memphis.....	702,331	720,151	- 2.5	580,562
Chicago.....	4,502,378	3,957,991	+ 13.8	4,410,480
Detroit.....	3,094,764	2,438,136	+ 26.9	3,118,395
St. Louis.....	1,649,627	1,477,299	+ 11.7	1,656,594
Louisville.....	841,730	710,831	+ 18.4	808,837
Minneapolis.....	1,695,678	1,530,444	+ 10.8	1,713,290
Kansas City.....	1,709,076	1,521,142	+ 12.4	1,667,896
Omaha.....	684,202	653,300	+ 4.7	653,985
Denver.....	748,351	661,370	+ 13.2	753,830
Dallas.....	1,859,061	1,638,033	+ 13.5	1,782,799
Houston.....	1,687,302	1,490,020	+ 13.2	1,622,176
Los Angeles.....	3,524,046	2,962,298	+ 19.0	3,461,752
San Francisco.....	2,683,276	2,326,820	+ 15.3	2,684,528
Portland, Ore.....	833,409	740,455	+ 12.6	833,409
Seattle.....	798,662	707,740	+ 12.8	818,954
Total 25 Cities....	45,737,025	40,042,031	+ 14.2	44,591,503
New York.....	44,904,702	43,134,329	+ 4.1	42,020,021
Total 26 Cities....	90,641,727	83,176,360	+ 9.0	86,611,524

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—10 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	10 MONTHS 1955	10 MONTHS 1954	% CHANGE	10 MONTHS 1953
Boston.....	26,764,188	25,183,088	+ 6.3	24,627,944
Philadelphia.....	49,732,000	46,758,000	+ 6.4	46,170,000
Buffalo.....	5,515,233	4,953,676	+ 11.3	5,127,397
Pittsburgh.....	17,438,372	15,737,701	+ 10.8	16,594,160
Cleveland.....	21,658,529	19,053,356	+ 13.7	20,068,622
Cincinnati.....	11,193,022	10,309,887	+ 8.6	10,371,486
Baltimore.....	14,057,056	12,634,805	+ 11.3	12,798,209
Richmond.....	8,000,421	7,435,165	+ 7.6	7,501,326
Atlanta.....	15,382,700	13,552,200	+ 13.5	13,643,700
New Orleans.....	7,740,945	7,136,881	+ 8.5	6,866,389
Memphis.....	5,299,890	5,058,030	+ 4.8	4,944,499
Chicago.....	43,594,052	39,710,866	+ 9.8	39,960,552
Detroit, Mich.....	30,064,461	25,808,824	+ 16.5	26,986,122
St. Louis.....	15,315,554	14,354,007	+ 6.7	14,253,264
Louisville.....	7,862,183	7,040,784	+ 11.7	7,125,804
Minneapolis.....	15,283,552	14,273,450	+ 7.1	13,547,220
Kansas City.....	16,702,853	15,386,249	+ 8.6	15,283,208
Omaha.....	6,411,846	6,608,562	- 3.0	6,454,218
Denver.....	7,051,007	6,199,123	+ 13.7	5,984,230
Dallas.....	17,900,413	15,952,039	+ 12.2	15,356,232
Houston.....	15,870,522	13,890,392	+ 14.3	13,580,958
Los Angeles.....	35,429,832	30,051,852	+ 17.8	28,992,168
San Francisco.....	25,930,329	22,845,229	+ 13.5	22,581,045
Portland, Ore.....	7,682,537	6,778,792	+ 13.3	7,167,397
Seattle.....	7,836,786	7,026,029	+ 11.5	6,953,418
Total 25 Cities....	435,718,283	393,738,987	+ 10.7	392,939,568
New York.....	436,763,614	436,021,910	+ 0.2	386,583,263
Total 26 Cities....	872,481,897	829,760,897	+ 5.1	779,522,831

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1952 to Date

(Millions of dollars)

	Total 26 United States Cities 1955	1954	1953	1952	New York City 1955	1954	1953	1952	Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C. 1955	1954	1953	1952
January.....	87,462	80,946	79,037	78,356	45,804	42,599	39,082	39,160	42,458	38,347	39,955	39,196
February.....	80,589	76,130	68,623	69,594	42,646	40,866	33,899	34,684	37,943	35,264	34,724	34,910
March.....	95,249	90,883	83,913	76,125	49,403	47,723	41,689	38,783	45,846	43,160	42,224	37,342
April.....	83,559	82,815	79,149	76,964	41,673	43,437	39,190	39,943	41,887	39,378	39,959	37,021
May.....	86,047	79,771	75,787	73,283	42,099	42,435	37,671	37,109	43,948	37,336	38,116	36,174
June.....	91,966	89,211	82,121	78,589	46,545	47,566	41,717	41,023	45,421	41,645	40,404	37,566
July.....	83,302	83,729	80,394	78,962	41,017	44,207	39,930	41,509	42,345	39,522	40,464	37,453
August.....	86,995	82,817	71,871	67,369	41,453	43,345	34,435	32,933	45,543	39,472	37,436	34,436
September.....	86,612	80,283	77,912	75,613	42,020	40,710	39,003	37,032	44,592	39,573	38,909	38,581
October.....	90,642	83,176	80,716	83,132	44,905	43,134	39,967	41,383	45,737	40,042	40,749	41,749
November.....	.....	84,476	75,948	69,304	.....	43,079	37,535	33,241	.....	41,397	38,413	36,063
December.....	.....	98,823	88,142	87,897	.....	52,928	46,171	44,924	.....	45,895	41,971	42,973
Total.....	.....	1,013,060	943,613	915,188	.....	532,029	470,289	461,724	.....	481,031	473,324	453,464

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1952 to Date

	Number of Failures 1955	1954	1953	1952	Current Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1955	1954	1953	1952	Total Liabilities (000 Omitted) 1955	1954	1953	1952
January.....	939	867	647	671	$37,872	$29,592	$23,309	$26,208	$39,000	$29,906	$23,760	$26,300
February.....	877	926	691	619	42,056	47,774	27,273	19,474	42,194	47,909	27,525	19,624
March.....	1,038	1,102	739	715	41,209	57,280	31,082	29,232	41,289	57,746	31,584	29,387
April.....	903	975	693	780	35,968	42,512	27,520	29,530	36,299	43,160	28,152	30,285
May.....	955	943	697	638	34,714	38,494	32,789	21,193	34,840	39,068	33,032	21,209
June.....	914	965	817	671	36,667	41,613	52,379	21,222	37,171	41,615	32,454	21,537
July.....	861	856	724	580	32,543	32,230	39,830	22,789	32,706	32,725	40,334	22,973
August.....	888	912	700	594	36,028	32,582	28,529	16,322	36,425	32,712	30,194	16,672
September.....	822	819	686	539	33,120	36,381	33,817	20,138	33,348	37,757	34,050	20,178
October.....	919	671	840	631	34,777	29,000	37,076	35,049	34,777	29,308	37,298	35,299
November.....	...	933	815	590	.....	35,067	36,795	18,757	.....	36,780	36,996	18,859
December.....	...	917	813	583	.....	40,103	43,754	23,400	.....	40,925	45,088	23,775
Total.....	...	11,086	8,862	7,611	.....	$462,628	$394,153	$283,314	.....	$469,611	$400,467	$286,098

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (REVISED) 1947-49=100

Groups	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1955	Oct. 1954
ALL COMMODITIES	111.5	111.7	110.9	109.7
Farm Products	86.7	89.3	88.1	93.1
Processed foods	100.2	101.5	101.9	103.7
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods	119.0	118.5	117.5	114.5
Textile Products and Apparel	95.5	95.4	95.3	95.4
Hides, Skins & Leather Products	95.3	94.0	93.8	92.4
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials	108.2	108.0	107.2	106.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	106.5	106.0	105.9	106.9
Metals and Metal Products	142.3	141.9	139.5	129.7
Machinery and Motive Products	131.3	130.0	128.5	124.3
Furniture, Other Household Durables	116.9	116.4	116.0	115.6
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural	126.8	126.4	126.1	121.9
Rubber and Products	147.9	151.7	148.7	128.5
Lumber and Products	125.5	125.7	125.1	119.8
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	122.8	120.5	119.7	116.3
Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottle Beverages	121.7	121.7	121.7	121.5
Miscellaneous	91.6	90.3	89.8	96.7

United States Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living)

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Revised Series: 1947-49 = 100

Groups	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1955	Oct. 1954
ALL ITEMS	114.9	114.9	114.5	114.5
Food	110.8	111.6	111.2	111.8
Housing	120.8	120.4	120.0	119.5
Apparel	104.6	104.6	103.4	104.6
Transportation	126.6	125.3	125.4	125.0
Medical Care	128.7	128.2	128.0	125.9
Personal Care	117.0	116.6	115.8	113.4
Reading and Recreation	106.7	106.7	106.3	106.9
Other Goods and Services	120.6	120.6	120.4	120.1

United States and Foreign Wholesale Price Index Numbers

	Base Year	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1955	July 1955	June 1955	Sept. 1954
U. S. (B.L.S.)	1947-49	111.7	110.9	110.5	110.3	110.0
Canada	1935-39	220.9	219.6	218.4	218.7	215.3
Austria	1948	260.0	266.0	264.0	262.0	253.0
Denmark	1948	139.0	137.0	138.0	137.0	134.0
Finland	1948	156.0	158.0	158.0	158.0	158.0
France	1949	136.0	135.0	134.0	133.0	135.0
India	1948	96.0	97.0	97.0	93.0	105.0
Morocco (Fr.)	1948	134.0	132.0	133.0	135.0	136.0
Norway	1948	155.0	156.0	156.0	154.0	156.0
Philipines	1949	89.0	92.0	92.0	89.0	92.0
Sweden	1948	146.0	145.0	146.0	144.0	138.0
Switzerland	1948	100.0	99.0	99.0	99.0	99.0
U. K. (Bd. of Tr.)	1948	156.0	156.0	156.0	153.0	150.0
		Aug. 1955	July 1955	June 1955	May 1955	Aug. 1954
Australia	1948	196.0	197.0	194.0	192.0	185.0
Belgium	1948	108.0	107.0	108.0	107.0	105.0
Brazil	1948	....	272.0	269.0	269.0	253.0
Costa Rica	1948	105.0	106.0	107.0	107.0	104.0
Cuba	Aug. 1952	....	....	92.0	92.0	93.0
Dominican Republic	1948	....	89.0	92.0	89.0	90.0
Germany	1948	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	109.0
Greece	1950	170.0	169.0	168.0	167.0	156.0
Guatemala	1948	119.0	122.0	115.0	109.0	120.0
Italy	1948	97.0	97.0	96.0	98.0	97.0
Japan	1948	267.0	266.0	264.0	266.0	266.0
Lebanon	1948	....	73.0	72.0	71.0	71.0
Mexico	1948	....	....	186.0	185.0	169.0
Netherlands	1948	136.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	134.0
Peru	1948	244.0	245.0	245.0	240.0	226.0
Portugal	1948	109.0	109.0	110.0	110.0	111.0
Spain	1948	184.0	183.0	181.0	180.0	176.0
Turkey	1948	....	125.0	125.0	125.0	118.0
Union South Africa	1948	156.0	156.0	154.0	154.0	151.0
Venezuela	1948	....	....	103.0	101.0	103.0

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1952 to Date

1955		1954		1953	
Jan. 4	$6.75	Jan. 5	$6.85	Jan. 6	$6.23
Jan. 11	6.81	Jan. 12	7.03	Jan. 13	6.25
Jan. 18	6.84	Jan. 19	6.96	Jan. 20	6.25
Jan. 25	6.88	Jan. 26	7.02	Jan. 27	6.22
Feb. 1	6.85	Feb. 2	7.01	Feb. 3	6.13
Feb. 8	6.77	Feb. 9	7.09	Feb. 10	6.19
Feb. 15	6.69	Feb. 16	7.11	Feb. 17	6.20
Feb. 22	6.65	Feb. 23	7.20	Feb. 24	6.21
Mar. 1	6.63	Mar. 2	7.21	Mar. 3	6.28
Mar. 8	6.55	Mar. 9	7.25	Mar. 10	6.28
Mar. 15	6.53	Mar. 16	7.27	Mar. 17	6.42
Mar. 22	6.55	Mar. 23	7.34	Mar. 24	6.41
Mar. 29	6.52	Mar. 30	7.42	Mar. 31	6.32
Apr. 5	6.49	Apr. 6	7.40	Apr. 7	6.32
Apr. 12	6.54	Apr. 13	7.35	Apr. 14	6.35
Apr. 19	6.52	Apr. 20	7.41	Apr. 21	6.38
Apr. 26	6.42	Apr. 27	7.39	Apr. 28	6.42
May 3	6.38	May 4	7.38	May 5	6.43
May 10	6.39	May 11	7.31	May 12	6.42
May 17	6.37	May 18	7.39	May 19	6.47
May 24	6.34	May 25	7.46	May 26	6.47
May 31	6.33	June 1	7.38	June 2	6.56
June 7	6.39	June 8	7.36	June 9	6.54
June 14	6.51	June 15	7.23	June 16	6.51
June 21	6.49	June 22	7.28	June 23	6.57
June 28	6.42	June 29	7.30	June 30	6.54
July 5	6.33	July 6	7.22	July 7	6.62
July 12	6.26	July 13	7.23	July 14	6.74
July 19	6.17	July 20	7.23	July 21	6.75
July 26	6.17	July 27	7.14	July 28	6.70
Aug. 2	6.21	Aug. 3	7.10	Aug. 4	6.67
Aug. 9	6.24	Aug. 10	7.10	Aug. 11	6.63
Aug. 16	6.23	Aug. 17	7.07	Aug. 18	6.67
Aug. 23	6.21	Aug. 24	6.89	Aug. 25	6.73
Aug. 30	6.15	Aug. 31	6.65	Sept. 1	6.61
Sept. 6	6.19	Sept. 7	6.70	Sept. 8	6.62
Sept. 13	6.26	Sept. 14	6.69	Sept. 15	6.72
Sept. 20	6.25	Sept. 21	6.73	Sept. 22	6.71
Sept. 27	6.28	Sept. 28	6.71	Sept. 29	6.66
Oct. 4	6.17	Oct. 5	6.69	Oct. 6	6.57
Oct. 11	6.11	Oct. 12	6.64	Oct. 13	6.57
Oct. 18	6.08	Oct. 19	6.59	Oct. 20	6.54
Oct. 25	6.05	Oct. 26	6.71	Oct. 27	6.49
Nov. 1	6.02	Nov. 2	6.74	Nov. 3	6.48
Nov. 8	6.00	Nov. 9	6.80	Nov. 10	6.50
Nov. 15	6.04	Nov. 16	6.88	Nov. 17	6.51
Nov. 22	....	Nov. 23	6.85	Nov. 24	6.53
Nov. 29	....	Nov. 30	6.85	Dec. 1	6.62
Dec. 6	....	Dec. 7	6.83	Dec. 8	6.65
Dec. 13	....	Dec. 14	6.74	Dec. 15	6.66
Dec. 20	....	Dec. 21	6.75	Dec. 22	6.72
Dec. 27	....	Dec. 28	6.78	Dec. 29	6.81
Average	....		$7.50		$6.50

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Associations. (1930-12=100)

	Nov. 1955	Oct. 1955	Sept. 1955	Aug. 1955	July 1955
1	274.77	*.....	276.99	275.40	273.07
2	275.37	†.....	277.20	275.31	*.....
3	274.75	277.37	*.....	275.85	†.....
4	275.05	278.20	†.....	275.86	*.....
5	*.....	278.88	*.....	276.75	272.28
6	†.....	278.28	277.74	*.....	273.06
7	274.32	278.66	278.13	†.....	272.88
8	*.....	*.....	277.80	276.04	272.85
9	274.81	†.....	277.78	275.18	*.....
10	274.43	278.43	*.....	275.19	†.....
11	*.....	278.32	†.....	274.29	273.13
12	*.....	*.....	277.46	273.95	272.55
13	†.....	277.81	278.05	*.....	272.80
14	274.26	277.40	278.11	†.....	274.41
15	274.69	*.....	278.16	272.31	274.40
16	274.70	†.....	278.05	273.02	*.....
17	274.33	276.50	*.....	274.25	†.....
18	275.03	276.00	†.....	274.16	273.53
19	*.....	276.14	277.67	274.28	273.04
20	†.....	276.50	277.95	*.....	273.25
21	275.64	275.53	278.25	†.....	274.80
22	.....	*.....	278.15	274.66	275.02
23	.....	†.....	279.18	274.55	*.....
24	.....	274.22	*.....	274.69	†.....
25	.....	274.37	†.....	274.90	274.61
26	.....	275.31	280.07	274.78	274.80
27	.....	275.74	279.45	*.....	274.81
28	.....	275.05	279.40	†.....	275.48
29	.....	*.....	279.88	275.65	275.30
30	.....	†.....	279.02	275.68	*.....
31	.....	275.11		276.39	†.....

(*) Holiday (†) Sunday

	High		Low	
1955	280.79	Jan. 27	270.68	June 3
1954	279.82	Dec. 28	270.72	June 30
1953	284.18	July 23	274.04	Oct. 8
1952	312.13	Jan. 5	280.05	Dec. 17
1951	329.66	Feb. 17	297.23	Sept. 10

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The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	OCTOBER 1955	OCTOBER 1954	SEPTEMBER 1955
New England:			
Boston, Mass.	$2,893,350	$7,954,394	$1,969,057
Bridgeport, Conn.	764,000	524,918	965,020
Bristol, Conn.	374,550	252,740	271,347
Brockton, Mass.	1,583,790	200,594	416,859
Cambridge, Mass.	107,275	391,464	2,313,695
Chelsea, Mass.	27,955	55,205	19,055
Everett, Mass.	129,615	44,251	272,517
Fall River, Mass.	241,700	124,545	295,860
Fitchburg, Mass.	102,770	105,069	199,824
Greenwich, Conn.	905,146	1,028,655	1,285,751
Hartford, Conn.	1,508,818	1,712,896	812,052
Haverhill, Mass.	227,250	61,865	145,625
Holyoke, Mass.	187,150	213,450	71,750
Lawrence, Mass.	153,275	103,606	278,125
Lowell, Mass.	3,658,030	1,026,915	87,620
Lynn, Mass.	247,700	199,025	274,266
Manchester, N. H.	1,035,131	824,313	796,646
Medford, Mass.	102,726	162,100	262,025
New Bedford, Mass.	287,302	122,966	785,635
New Britain, Conn.	334,550	934,400	462,050
New Haven, Conn.	500,255	794,167	497,508
Newton, Mass.	1,185,036	1,390,257	206,202
Norwalk, Conn.	1,196,910	1,678,300	1,841,261
Portland, Me.	1,100,444	911,779	509,780
Providence, R. I.	420,600	708,700	1,013,400
Quincy, Mass.	664,207	284,568	327,849
Salem, Mass.	231,983	158,300	527,860
Somerville, Mass.	795,070	1,099,725	52,500
Springfield, Mass.	879,679	860,671	1,755,807
Stamford, Conn.	1,260,635	1,201,988	3,384,707
Waterbury, Conn.	558,050	789,100	374,350
West Hartford, Conn.	1,979,131	1,524,900	1,062,076
Worcester, Mass.	389,580	891,210	467,292
Total New England	$26,053,663	$28,337,036	$24,005,371
Middle Atlantic:			
Manhattan (e)	$23,071,005	$2,600,500	$18,097,176
Manhattan (†)	1,897,925	2,611,050	1,175,750
Bronx (e)	3,110,000	4,205,050	21,511,680
Bronx (†)	491,035	604,255	568,945
Brooklyn (e)	2,958,950	3,876,950	3,700,000
Brooklyn (†)	2,982,675	1,272,900	850,035
Queens (e)	5,866,000	13,741,525	9,041,514
Queens (†)	1,289,845	866,970	749,635
Richmond (e)	1,799,500	859,885	2,388,300
Richmond (†)	621,040	121,031	94,425
Total N. Y. City	$44,087,975	$30,760,116	$58,177,460
(e) New Work. (†) Alterations.			
Albany, N. Y.	$732,944	$363,862	$2,925,677
Allentown, Pa.	469,085	773,510	1,027,375
Altoona, Pa.	175,960	104,540	186,562
Atlantic City, N. J.	150,000e	201,114	87,179
Auburn, N. Y.	40,200	37,070	439,387
Bayonne, N. J.	335,900	28,150	51,945
Binghamton, N. Y.	997,701	267,708	385,535
Buffalo, N. Y.	976,417	1,656,550	1,663,280
Camden, N. J.	1,129,705	1,974,013	1,054,045
East Orange, N. J.	356,293	168,210	96,184
Elizabeth, N. J.	164,615	261,283	546,340
Elmira, N. Y.	98,172	358,765	177,355
Erie, Pa.	963,340	1,210,510	1,271,590
Harrisburg, Pa.	897,557	505,280	150,530
Jamestown, N. Y.	197,947	322,413	141,515
Jersey City, N. J.	279,950	462,150	310,400
Lancaster, Pa.	73,025	105,156	208,143
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	397,234	290,957	75,801
Newark, N. J.	358,030	950,748	612,820
New Brunswick, N. J.	110,300	498,125	367,528
New Rochelle, N. Y.	412,757	1,038,726	1,066,843
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	625,032	2,081,481	1,346,932
Philadelphia, Pa.	10,771,190	11,517,810	14,359,930
Pittsburgh, Pa.	2,100,649	1,790,871	2,760,481
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	111,890	117,334	58,948
Reading, Pa.	421,608	421,039	1,057,580
Rochester, N. Y.	1,129,282	931,560	1,101,069
Schenectady, N. Y.	144,499	185,933	127,077
Scranton, Pa.	293,400	209,389	172,083
Syracuse, N. Y.	3,396,725	1,083,211	1,125,000
Troy, N. Y.	254,016	269,819	144,125
Utica, N. Y.	425,300	305,200	299,895
Watertown, N. Y.	41,005	79,105	87,546
White Plains, N. Y.	1,192,161	339,650	542,080
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	189,285	152,966	138,516
Williamsport, Pa.	131,118	210,551	76,540
Wilmington, Dela.	1,517,739	222,296	2,756,237
Yonkers, N. Y.	2,074,477	852,860	1,601,615
York, Pa.	115,485	1,007,009	555,011
Total Middle Atl.	$78,531,988	$64,117,040	$99,334,159
(e) Estimated.			

	OCTOBER 1955	OCTOBER 1954	SEPTEMBER 1955
South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.	$327,360	$314,088	$534,894
Atlanta, Ga.	3,408,257	5,181,868	7,409,084
Augusta, Ga.	296,195	456,723	479,007
Baltimore, Md.	4,226,334	20,241,226	6,810,438
Charleston, S. C.	199,276	177,293	575,000
Charlotte, N. C.	2,279,876	2,146,680	1,639,416
Coral Gables, Fla.	865,707	1,294,789	1,077,544
Greensboro, N. C.	1,022,356	800,860	661,397
Greenville, S. C.	481,070	853,074	362,800
Jacksonville, Fla.	8,703,486	1,949,256	845,170
Lynchburg, Va.	1,213,445	256,555	263,520
Macon, Ga.	193,918	186,566	246,625
Miami, Fla.	3,355,738	4,362,323	2,826,853
Miami Beach, Fla.	1,125,784	2,488,080	1,514,807
Norfolk, Va.	1,745,604	426,965	1,055,595
Richmond, Va.	1,207,601	1,361,584	1,849,179
Roanoke, Va.	1,521,384	1,089,623	1,670,671
Savannah, Ga.	532,698	699,424	392,310
Tampa, Fla.	4,824,379	2,844,321	3,340,388
Washington, D. C.	5,486,335	4,208,593	4,925,871
Winston Salem, N. C.	1,418,976	1,584,680	1,167,125
Total So. Atlantic	$44,435,779	$52,924,571	$39,647,694
East Central:			
Akron, Ohio	$2,927,968	$2,639,924	$3,523,193
Bay City, Mich.	405,050	332,492	321,909
Berwyn, Ills.	309,413	212,815	831,304
Bluefield, W. Va.	56,685	63,710	80,000
Canton, Ohio	661,750	276,055	541,129
Chicago, Ills.	25,954,013	22,836,000	26,498,190
Cincinnati, Ohio	4,456,615	3,960,915	4,923,140
Clarksburg, W. Va.	71,310	84,335	195,324
Cleveland, Ohio	4,941,300	3,180,800	7,317,400
Columbus, Ohio	3,651,575	6,077,300	3,658,025
Dayton, Ohio	1,406,308	1,793,975	3,717,815
Detroit, Mich.	15,044,459	13,700,842	14,435,371
East St. Louis, Ills.	633,850	188,538	363,797
Evanston, Ills.	368,960	998,465	836,696
Evansville, Ind.	179,972	301,201	522,696
Flint, Mich.	4,057,960	3,013,615	4,435,930
Fort Wayne, Ind.	1,258,460	1,189,630	907,917
Gary, Ind.	5,850,445	4,164,678	1,192,376
Grand Rapids, Mich.	1,359,500	784,565	976,370
Green Bay, Wisc.	1,438,799	932,236	1,113,214
Hammond, Ind.	864,526	783,962	1,901,601
Huntington, W. Va.	410,435	329,030	411,365
Indianapolis, Ind.	1,895,906	3,410,311	4,810,400
Lansing, Mich.	1,182,300	631,230	1,101,192
Lima, Ohio	282,135	201,520	81,900
Louisville, Ky.	3,131,232	2,204,441	4,066,562
Madison, Wisc.	1,047,230	1,157,960	2,388,148
Milwaukee, Wisc.	5,812,234	10,905,616	7,123,699
Newark, Ohio	1,161,395	189,872	282,375
Oak Park, Ills.	35,920	749,517	635,477
Peoria, Ills.	547,031	501,734	2,632,412
Pontiac, Mich.	901,846	184,797	1,285,994
Quincy, Ills.	276,596	176,428	3,439,053
Racine, Wisc.	1,027,360	932,529	975,220
Rockford, Ills.	2,001,100	852,900	1,033,700
Saginaw, Mich.	425,367	365,744	676,699
South Bend, Ind.	1,058,109	1,379,118	1,035,418
Springfield, Ills.	364,757	362,131	653,127
Springfield, Ohio	150,000e	119,950	380,900
Superior, Wisc.	222,031	64,295	150,124
Terre Haute, Ind.	607,065	151,692	128,775
Toledo, Ohio	1,816,375	821,320	1,538,680
Waukegan, Ills.	670,803	366,476	744,015
Wheeling, W. Va.	179,900	162,500	1,437,600
Youngstown, Ohio	1,644,401	772,226	1,973,091
Zanesville, Ohio	13,255	15,335	276,815
Total East Central	$102,763,701	$94,524,725	$117,556,138
South Central:			
Abilene, Texas	$1,779,278	$2,373,115	$1,440,629
Amarillo, Texas	1,080,356	1,419,489	1,754,511
Austin, Texas	4,753,062	8,611,858	2,910,050
Beaumont, Texas	524,596	1,125,920	1,051,783
Birmingham, Ala.	2,959,972	1,899,938	4,390,701
Chattanooga, Tenn.	354,624	603,856	399,344
Dallas, Texas	13,537,975	10,750,761	13,390,172
El Paso, Texas	2,842,883	4,306,031	2,556,652
Fort Smith, Ark.	323,786	308,280	301,330
Fort Worth, Texas	6,182,764	5,936,109	4,079,937
Galveston, Texas	263,880	1,000,310	552,665
Houston, Texas	10,113,767	20,118,672	9,036,732
Jackson, Miss.	1,197,303	1,691,750	803,061
Knoxville, Tenn.	881,451	2,645,879	375,000
Little Rock, Ark.	1,205,445	764,873	717,978
Memphis, Tenn.	3,486,525	5,192,197	2,891,560
Mobile, Ala.	1,248,367	1,604,902	1,083,926

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	OCTOBER 1955	OCTOBER 1954	SEPTEMBER 1955
So. Cent. (Cont'd)			
Montgomery, Ala.	$1,436,825	$2,493,895	$1,417,384
Muskogee, Okla.	105,950	75,275	614,639
Nashville, Tenn.	464,336	985,827	1,312,424
New Orleans, La.	4,979,253	4,743,296	5,647,513
Oklahoma City, Okla.	1,512,760	2,833,069	3,205,935
Port Arthur, Texas	634,418	393,142	590,453
San Angelo, Texas	1,311,592	600,134	664,622
San Antonio, Texas	4,360,325	3,689,604	4,603,864
Shreveport, La.	2,390,195	3,252,548	1,980,110
Tulsa, Okla.	1,190,450	1,400,400	1,270,500
Waco, Texas	1,011,690	1,678,002	956,568
Wichita Falls, Texas	1,022,261	1,762,641	1,424,375
Total So. Central	$73,156,089	$94,261,773	$71,424,418
West Central:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	$1,783,560	$785,212	$1,036,753
Davenport, Iowa	824,618	632,809	662,286
Des Moines, Iowa	2,305,425	1,508,318	3,206,754
Dubuque, Iowa	1,804,545	236,841	1,267,523
Duluth, Minn.	770,879	393,443	549,824
Fargo, N. D.	677,019	713,268	1,267,775
Kansas City, Kas.	633,638	931,774	276,971
Kansas City, Mo.	4,382,000	3,602,000	5,622,000
Lincoln, Neb.	1,567,987	1,292,454	1,359,129
Minneapolis, Minn.	3,285,884	2,781,930	2,813,762
Omaha, Neb.	2,436,103	1,949,272	2,517,674
St. Joseph, Mo.	250,850	524,111	418,400
St. Louis, Mo.	5,491,204	2,360,403	2,386,293
St. Paul, Minn.	4,577,736	4,422,037	3,949,011
Sioux City, Iowa	704,675	572,200	505,725
Sioux Falls, S. D.	764,913	757,693	1,134,824
Topeka, Kas.	19,488,575	539,545	729,190
Wichita, Kas.	2,443,638	3,802,493	2,021,383
Total West Central	$54,193,249	$27,805,803	$31,725,277

	OCTOBER 1955	OCTOBER 1954	SEPTEMBER 1955
Mountain:			
Albuquerque, N. M.	$3,274,937	$3,630,820	$3,661,456
Billings, Mont.	506,850	233,200	877,740
Boise, Idaho	502,893	497,368	332,831
Butte, Mont.	122,395	106,347	103,520
Colorado Springs, Col	1,621,877	1,413,630	2,505,960
Denver, Col.	10,525,337	11,716,500	4,789,986
Great Falls, Mont.	632,310	516,070	1,095,554
Ogden, Utah	870,200	943,300	551,200
Phoenix, Ariz.	1,581,633	1,811,658	1,626,525
Pueblo, Col.	1,032,568	647,377	802,574
Salt Lake City, Utah	1,698,439	1,453,427	2,210,540
Tucson, Ariz.	494,822	912,486	541,871
Total Mountain	$22,864,261	$23,882,183	$19,099,757
Pacific:			
Bakersfield, Cal.	$772,744	$4,129,989	$903,450
Berkeley, Cal.	607,293	792,482	713,949
Beverly Hills, Cal.	427,614	426,440	569,716
Fresno, Cal.	2,180,614	1,516,995	1,796,001
Glendale, Cal.	1,320,952	719,525	1,058,877
Long Beach, Cal.	3,956,260	3,586,875	3,310,470
Los Angeles, Cal.	43,471,231	30,897,443	33,218,726
Oakland, Cal.	2,088,309	2,167,566	2,011,303
Pasadena, Cal.	925,378	901,222	1,052,843
Portland, Ore.	3,247,555	5,675,280	4,748,340
Sacramento, Cal.	1,306,991	1,158,128	1,177,754
San Diego, Cal.	7,281,729	4,272,008	6,270,113
San Francisco, Cal.	2,855,877	4,731,330	3,608,508
San Jose, Cal.	4,094,670	1,593,850	3,685,155
Seattle, Wash.	3,856,305	8,803,870	6,559,845
Spokane, Wash.	2,838,657	4,296,937	1,797,520
Stockton, Cal.	2,366,317	661,345	1,030,710
Tacoma, Wash.	1,816,595	1,543,610	719,707
Total Pacific	$85,415,091	$77,874,895	$74,232,987
Total 215 Cities	$487,413,821	$463,728,026	$477,025,801

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	10 MONTHS 1954	10 MONTHS 1954	10 MONTHS 1953
New England:			
Boston, Mass.	$32,862,736	$26,492,656	$23,371,920
Bridgeport, Conn.	9,658,245	6,804,718	14,323,129
Bristol, Conn.	3,932,646	3,792,016	2,551,088
Brockton, Mass.	6,490,279	4,067,417	3,984,394
Cambridge, Mass.	10,798,117	3,473,926	8,017,821
Chelsea, Mass.	374,447	360,643	1,390,563
Everett, Mass.	3,286,780	1,538,196	1,221,846
Fall River, Mass.	1,877,022	1,468,267	2,519,757
Fitchburg, Mass.	1,524,685	3,399,248	2,322,615
Greenwich, Conn.	14,272,555	12,484,090	8,446,814
Hartford, Conn.	28,583,305	12,099,148	18,536,464
Haverhill, Mass.	2,006,895	1,077,255	1,337,513
Holyoke, Mass.	2,394,375	1,423,075	2,914,091
Lawrence, Mass.	2,004,358	1,183,411	1,880,620
Lowell, Mass.	5,482,980	2,137,165	1,443,565
Lynn, Mass.	2,883,280	3,607,608	3,227,142
Manchester, N. H.	8,286,509	5,067,175	6,454,823
Medford, Mass.	1,828,088	1,443,730	2,259,457
New Bedford, Mass.	3,032,206	2,783,043	3,921,469
New Britain, Conn.	6,369,080	4,295,155	3,509,643
New Haven, Conn.	9,632,194	10,950,451	13,742,683
Newton, Mass.	6,513,075	10,790,646	7,212,177
Norwalk, Conn.	12,682,112	8,683,053	8,968,782
Portland, Me.	5,106,238	3,111,131	2,975,991
Providence, R. I.	6,856,600	4,271,750	9,851,455
Quincy, Mass.	4,031,872	3,905,032	3,336,757
Salem, Mass.	2,554,958	1,382,827	2,606,016
Somerville, Mass.	1,470,065	2,481,950	3,493,961
Springfield, Mass.	13,789,939	12,843,808	9,384,413
Stamford, Conn.	21,476,115	18,896,603	12,299,031
Waterbury, Conn.	7,088,534	5,773,885	6,195,290
West Hartford, Conn.	11,705,204	13,880,893	16,173,124
Worcester, Mass.	17,515,218	9,632,567	10,574,844
Total New England	$268,370,712	$205,602,538	$220,449,258
Middle Atlantic:			
Manhattan.....*	$278,649,003	$134,629,891	$109,310,903
Manhattan.....†	27,063,175	38,641,988	34,352,504
Bronx.....*	64,161,778	36,341,962	58,243,821
Bronx.....†	7,663,813	8,409,530	7,529,987
Brooklyn.....*	78,440,690	76,498,218	78,872,567
Brooklyn.....†	17,174,487	16,999,407	13,355,697
Queens.....*	116,408,034	127,698,488	118,852,222
Queens.....†	11,646,707	11,960,834	21,153,334
Richmond.....*	13,580,255	8,330,084	7,887,203
Richmond.....†	1,789,075	1,554,573	2,482,282
Total New York City. (* New York. († Alterations.	$616,577,017	$461,064,975	$452,040,520
Albany, N. Y.	$14,607,378	$5,984,870	$6,654,250
Allentown, Pa.	11,500,905	8,113,260	9,787,310
Altoona, Pa.	1,695,168	1,785,136	1,715,864
Atlantic City, N. J.	1,292,608	2,153,148	2,398,322

	10 MONTHS 1955	10 MONTHS 1954	10 MONTHS 1953
Middle Atl. (Cont.)			
Auburn, N. Y.	$2,015,332	$1,723,740	$1,671,200
Bayonne, N. J.	1,866,767	1,424,484	3,391,095
Binghamton, N. Y.	4,299,398	3,573,326	4,504,582
Buffalo, N. Y.	20,172,839	18,900,259	17,370,395
Camden, N. J.	7,582,871	5,910,403	8,530,011
East Orange, N. J.	2,730,771	2,441,437	1,857,903
Elizabeth, N. J.	3,446,012	4,900,033	3,666,930
Elmira, N. Y.	1,869,665	2,839,492	1,296,484
Erie, Pa.	14,093,638	13,858,582	9,818,818
Harrisburg, Pa.	10,249,678	15,012,864	3,681,061
Jamestown, N. Y.	5,474,802	2,457,653	3,603,382
Jersey City, N. J.	5,135,125	2,793,300	6,309,377
Lancaster, Pa.	3,160,694	4,139,768	3,039,069
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	4,618,818	2,423,736	6,234,559
Newark, N. J.	12,799,829	26,369,325	9,151,792
New Brunswick, N. J.	5,887,062	2,074,064	2,065,760
New Rochelle, N. Y.	19,674,952	11,448,102	15,237,583
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	7,779,248	9,750,094	6,568,484
Philadelphia, Pa.	123,186,340	122,761,540	102,200,510
Pittsburgh, Pa.	51,404,588	29,714,386	27,932,788
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	3,003,695	1,578,127	2,323,594
Reading, Pa.	5,804,290	4,206,775	5,115,100
Rochester, N. Y.	14,124,475	14,614,205	18,156,012
Schenectady, N. Y.	2,904,560	3,913,246	5,069,895
Scranton, Pa.	2,975,814	2,105,554	9,258,293
Syracuse, N. Y.	16,965,495	13,118,679	17,065,930
Troy, N. Y.	1,440,941	1,278,989	1,407,003
Utica, N. Y.	3,534,670	2,615,205	1,852,412
Watertown, N. Y.	1,270,326	707,896	3,053,511
White Plains, N. Y.	6,734,276	5,628,613	11,913,099
Wilkes Barre, Pa.	2,067,527	2,542,688	1,341,043
Williamsport, Pa.	1,318,976	1,573,100	4,307,228
Wilmington, Del.	10,100,358	7,542,245	11,537,736
Yonkers, N. Y.	16,031,987	10,489,886	29,687,211
York, Pa.	2,383,353	3,283,128	3,319,838
Total Middle Atl.	$1,043,782,248	$838,816,373	$830,135,954
South Atlantic:			
Asheville, N. C.	$3,151,565	$3,161,267	$3,054,975
Atlanta, Ga.	69,558,022	73,500,044	66,471,394
Augusta, Ga.	4,983,092	3,538,638	14,501,791
Baltimore, Md.	92,619,284	79,004,752	85,212,690
Charleston, S. C.	2,839,506	2,709,967	4,888,368
Charlotte, N. C.	24,192,918	19,370,438	28,475,588
Coral Gables, Fla.	12,831,517	11,832,993	12,889,785
Greensboro, N. C.	9,901,926	9,417,630	8,889,735
Greenville, S. C.	6,445,070	6,937,374	4,859,492
Jacksonville, Fla.	22,189,943	37,542,988	22,373,928
Lynchburg, Va.	8,696,143	8,427,997	4,048,559
Macon, Ga.	2,275,881	8,207,423	3,720,302
Miami, Fla.	41,392,009	40,229,447	37,252,404
Miami Beach, Fla.	22,129,571	17,077,091	16,451,059
Norfolk, Va.	11,623,068	11,523,164	14,349,930

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—Continued

10 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	10 MONTHS 1955	10 MONTHS 1954	10 MONTHS 1953
South Atl. (Cont.)			
Richmond, Va.	$18,481,106	$26,367,183	$16,328,126
Roanoke, Va.	11,745,142	10,070,364	14,325,207
Savannah, Ga.	4,612,184	8,751,644	4,907,505
Tampa, Fla.	43,602,570	33,597,746	19,617,904
Washington, D. C.	64,052,741	47,132,037	64,513,944
Winston Salem, N. C.	10,243,598	11,021,888	7,999,354
Total South Atl.	$487,566,857	$469,422,075	$455,131,970
East Central:			
Akron, Ohio	$29,666,004	$25,829,230	$32,678,089
Bay City, Mich.	4,439,856	3,594,972	4,667,994
Berwyn, Ills.	6,556,337	3,845,584	3,096,597
Bluefield, W. Va.	1,243,123	807,200	853,767
Canton, Ohio	6,692,213	5,831,793	6,645,631
Chicago, Ills.	225,033,289	193,418,450	192,021,800
Cincinnati, Ohio	41,131,760	46,200,040	49,790,290
Clarksburg, W. Va.	1,638,242	1,790,227	2,057,619
Cleveland, Ohio	64,005,000	55,277,700	73,373,500
Columbus, Ohio	39,244,760	38,604,015	37,984,305
Dayton, Ohio	33,322,548	17,001,472	17,203,828
Detroit, Mich.	124,891,423	110,517,061	153,533,567
East St. Louis, Ills	3,708,846	3,079,570	2,610,929
Evanston, Ills.	12,880,434	11,098,501	13,934,590
Evansville, Ind.	4,694,024	5,505,721	8,925,277
Flint, Mich.	31,038,560	27,587,680	25,001,418
Fort Wayne, Ind.	12,174,554	17,155,340	9,611,418
Gary, Ind.	20,843,181	22,051,802	19,148,192
Grand Rapids, Mich.	11,280,020	10,257,966	7,743,475
Green Bay Wis.	14,260,415	9,156,916	7,605,658
Hammond, Ind.	15,030,052	12,533,388	12,658,831
Huntington, W. Va.	5,439,072	6,564,911	8,024,426
Indianapolis, Ind.	31,281,625	32,835,722	28,979,767
Lansing, Mich.	13,739,697	9,182,397	15,352,927
Lima, Ohio	3,002,270	2,038,675	5,260,185
Louisville, Ky.	29,142,661	24,818,089	17,524,601
Madison, Wis.	15,051,570	10,139,113	7,787,858
Milwaukee, Wis.	74,999,422	85,252,823	69,924,735
Newark, Ohio	4,733,880	2,830,130	1,568,872
Oak Park, Ills.	3,122,564	3,234,964	4,576,900
Peoria, Ills.	12,022,003	5,891,201	8,508,395
Pontiac, Mich.	8,358,934	8,351,065	6,906,510
Quincy, Ills.	6,529,217	2,805,256	2,489,861
Racine, Wis.	10,923,039	7,610,353	6,575,496
Rockford, Ills.	17,225,475	12,735,845	10,128,145
Saginaw, Mich.	7,489,743	9,049,007	5,334,592
South Bend, Ind.	14,712,325	13,364,404	15,323,166
Springfield, Ills.	4,546,808	11,835,620	5,214,316
Springfield, Ohio	2,940,000	2,277,053	3,408,179
Superior, Wis.	1,151,102	1,628,196	1,246,649
Terre Haute, Ind.	3,279,515	3,340,885	1,552,582
Toledo, Ohio	21,680,520	13,901,776	18,680,963
Waukegan, Ills.	7,715,728	10,861,890	7,396,948
Wheeling, W. Va.	9,426,710	4,834,950	3,000,800
Youngstown, Ohio	16,688,249	14,680,079	17,329,075
Zanesville, Ohio	665,419	374,903	542,677
Total East Central	$1,029,642,189	$921,183,935	$953,855,400
South Central:			
Abilene, Texas	$17,099,728	$12,523,390	$7,160,294
Amarillo, Texas	18,928,923	15,783,645	16,124,217
Austin, Texas	36,460,198	38,559,670	27,399,351
Beaumont, Texas	7,772,433	7,947,816	7,154,739
Birmingham, Ala.	32,907,329	24,076,061	24,031,687
Chattanooga, Tenn.	5,735,008	7,912,414	8,355,951
Dallas, Texas	148,191,527	119,907,586	90,376,606
El Paso, Texas	29,919,472	24,527,438	17,499,299
Fort Smith, Ark.	3,825,345	3,810,935	4,298,758
Fort Worth, Texas	52,052,387	39,357,899	37,846,084
Galveston, Texas	4,375,282	6,830,016	4,489,563
Houston, Texas	123,246,808	140,598,908	107,420,699
Jackson, Miss.	12,079,064	13,955,847	19,580,277
Knoxville, Tenn.	8,619,557	10,730,788	5,808,221
Little Rock, Ark.	10,435,243	14,906,980	9,583,101
Memphis, Tenn.	40,331,110	42,331,308	40,318,119
South Cent. (Cont.)			
Mobile, Ala.	$13,104,638	$11,611,992	$5,694,600
Montgomery, Ala.	13,884,969	17,303,074	8,198,935
Muskogee, Okla.	1,470,984	778,213	873,394
Nashville, Tenn.	16,240,613	8,724,038	11,345,026
New Orleans, La.	86,224,416	46,340,530	66,059,101
Oklahoma City, Okla.	39,543,642	41,581,278	36,473,322
Port Arthur, Texas	4,717,275	3,241,321	2,879,861
San Angelo, Texas	7,044,840	6,350,079	4,027,251
San Antonio, Texas	50,992,720	43,894,601	42,471,556
Shreveport, La.	31,438,266	23,793,264	19,170,067
Tulsa, Okla.	21,274,852	16,616,505	15,042,800
Waco, Texas	12,394,679	12,663,466	9,407,185
Wichita Falls, Texas	11,235,782	9,182,143	6,476,358
Total South Cent.	$861,547,090	$765,841,205	$655,566,422
West Central:			
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	$13,665,213	$10,033,132	$8,895,989
Davenport, Iowa	10,782,138	8,756,481	6,463,153
Des Moines, Iowa	27,231,251	18,205,557	21,580,531
Dubuque, Iowa	6,154,657	2,458,247	4,507,666
Duluth, Minn.	7,634,951	5,294,696	5,368,345
Fargo, N. D.	9,496,176	5,173,616	4,137,749
Kansas City, Kas.	8,932,790	10,074,275	6,403,783
Kansas City, Mo.	56,787,000	44,999,000	32,655,000
Lincoln, Neb.	18,908,470	11,947,645	8,094,132
Minneapolis, Minn.	40,440,994	28,900,628	33,497,556
Omaha, Neb.	21,227,494	21,800,227	14,301,273
St. Joseph, Mo.	6,348,546	2,885,246	2,682,119
St. Louis, Mo.	42,921,455	56,068,581	45,185,249
St. Paul, Minn.	34,354,813	33,447,135	37,421,378
Sioux City, Iowa	5,296,525	4,955,139	3,893,211
Sioux Falls, S. D.	11,451,056	9,231,007	5,341,634
Topeka, Kas.	27,694,956	8,805,272	8,178,307
Wichita, Kas.	39,522,755	33,876,486	27,858,787
Total West Central	$388,851,240	$316,912,370	$276,465,862
Mountain:			
Albuquerque, N. M.	$37,272,097	$27,742,364	$32,339,193
Billings, Mont.	7,569,540	7,678,320	4,583,000
Boise, Idaho	5,033,324	4,374,591	4,452,669
Butte, Mont.	986,103	1,044,964	757,744
Colorado Springs, Col.	20,104,527	11,362,490	7,132,753
Denver, Col.	86,061,423	83,271,478	74,537,967
Great Falls, Mont.	6,927,744	3,557,874	2,676,835
Ogden, Utah	9,413,375	6,628,300	6,581,154
Phoenix, Ariz.	15,821,443	16,165,728	14,151,004
Pueblo, Col.	17,370,647	6,707,223	7,010,009
Salt Lake City, Ut.	17,989,537	18,275,526	13,402,734
Tucson, Ariz.	9,901,518	7,071,964	6,524,275
Total Mountain	$235,444,278	$193,880,822	$174,149,337
Pacific:			
Bakersfield, Cal.	$8,692,402	$23,805,685	$11,043,221
Berkeley, Cal.	8,589,121	6,448,189	6,157,136
Beverly Hills, Cal.	8,826,876	8,817,477	12,218,487
Fresno, Cal.	25,805,358	19,009,944	15,114,028
Glendale, Cal.	12,849,664	13,793,592	12,377,496
Long Beach, Cal.	54,492,105	35,654,865	44,516,515
Los Angeles, Cal.	373,736,475	338,261,526	375,477,847
Oakland, Cal.	26,678,093	18,990,930	24,152,859
Pasadena, Cal.	19,857,589	14,408,840	12,765,996
Portland, Ore.	43,103,780	44,161,130	45,987,845
Sacramento, Cal.	22,364,995	23,342,181	28,251,926
San Diego, Cal.	72,743,402	59,952,574	72,860,446
San Francisco, Cal.	52,852,847	49,675,109	46,383,412
San Jose, Cal.	34,065,194	16,125,175	14,535,516
Seattle, Wash.	62,820,235	65,922,695	42,446,050
Spokane, Wash.	24,821,599	32,378,223	23,993,350
Stockton, Cal.	14,247,582	8,116,204	6,951,575
Tacoma, Wash.	12,608,106	14,910,900	15,008,816
Total Pacific	$879,155,423	$793,775,239	$810,242,521
Total 217 Cities	$5,194,360,037	$4,505,434,557	$4,381,996,724

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 217 CITIES—MONTHLY—1953 TO DATE

	TOTAL UNITED STATES - 217 CITIES			NEW YORK CITY			OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY - 216 CITIES		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
Jan.	$406,628,525	$345,352,829	$312,280,681	$49,423,105	$32,068,684	$28,765,075	$357,205,420	$313,284,145	$283,515,606
Feb.	442,092,367	345,986,529	339,285,454	47,687,734	51,047,477	27,394,212	394,404,633	294,939,052	311,891,242
Mar.	542,997,099	512,663,611	471,778,751	59,577,583	99,045,726	42,546,378	483,419,516	413,617,885	429,232,373
Apr.	521,173,029	489,888,868	537,113,987	49,939,864	55,063,895	50,678,096	471,233,165	434,824,973	486,435,891
May	565,327,637	435,015,419	466,303,606	65,782,634	35,373,510	52,196,126	499,545,003	399,641,909	414,107,480
June	684,030,839	523,169,936	458,363,929	149,080,484	39,149,744	43,264,650	534,950,355	484,020,192	415,099,279
July	511,841,797	448,439,021	532,586,794	51,383,412	40,301,251	69,097,923	460,458,385	408,137,770	463,488,871
Aug.	555,829,122	459,157,830	423,354,317	41,436,766	30,841,192	38,704,044	514,392,356	428,316,638	384,650,273
Sept.	477,025,801	482,032,488	412,211,845	58,177,460	47,413,380	42,701,615	418,848,341	434,619,108	369,510,230
Oct.	487,413,821	463,728,026	428,717,360	44,087,975	30,760,116	56,692,401	443,325,846	432,967,910	372,024,959
Nov.	.....	427,879,197	376,971,823	.....	45,195,814	49,037,818	.....	382,683,383	327,934,005
Dec.	.....	408,940,808	377,077,647	.....	40,109,360	55,856,712	.....	368,831,448	321,220,935
Total	.....	$5,342,254,562	$5,136,046,194	.....	$546,570,149	$556,935,050	.....	$4,795,684,413	$4,579,111,144

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

	OCT. 1955	SEPT. 1955	AUG. 1955	OCT. 1954	TEN MONTHS 1955	TEN MONTHS 1954	TEN MONTHS 1953	TEN MONTHS 1952
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine	46	35	48	27	446	320	348	311
New Hampshire	31	30	33	35	349	308	298	219
Vermont	14	17	10	15	177	145	170	134
Massachusetts	308	315	294	275	3,247	2,863	2,852	2,379
Connecticut	173	160	222	170	1,912	1,567	1,448	1,282
Rhode Island	96	67	75	61	906	714	616	587
Total New England	668	624	682	583	7,037	5,917	5,732	4,912
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York	2,236	2,057	2,028	2,075	23,853	20,973	19,079	18,761
New Jersey	641	631	673	585	7,090	5,970	5,635	5,188
Pennsylvania	344	364	373	330	3,805	3,198	2,932	2,762
Total Middle Atlantic	3,221	3,052	3,074	2,990	34,748	30,141	27,646	26,711
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio	592	659	623	494	6,734	5,441	5,129	4,667
Indiana	148	152	177	136	1,773	1,486	1,432	1,108
Illinois	587	507	490	448	5,318	4,369	4,228	3,589
Michigan	362	324	391	356	3,923	3,362	2,681	1,912
Wisconsin	142	184	172	129	1,797	1,394	1,173	1,046
Total East North Central	1,831	1,826	1,853	1,563	19,545	16,052	14,643	12,322
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota	110	150	134	134	1,495	1,243	1,106	850
Iowa	55	75	59	50	628	467	412	362
Missouri	189	174	193	145	2,043	1,646	1,625	1,295
North Dakota	12	10	14	10	159	126	170	122
South Dakota	35	18	17	17	246	179	183	136
Nebraska	43	42	46	34	496	395	307	291
Kansas	60	72	75	60	886	641	471	482
Total West North Central	504	541	538	450	5,953	4,697	4,274	3,538
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Maryland	172	148	191	181	2,195	1,926	1,744	1,559
Delaware	273	276	306	252	3,073	2,494	2,356	2,366
Virginia	134	147	174	122	1,611	1,436	1,328	1,090
West Virginia	69	58	73	40	608	571	520	441
North Carolina	117	154	160	177	1,507	1,237	1,166	1,088
South Carolina	65	75	88	61	743	616	571	510
Georgia	145	198	172	159	1,738	1,402	1,121	988
Florida	565	650	556	559	6,202	4,566	4,149	3,367
Total South Atlantic	1,540	1,706	1,720	1,551	17,677	14,248	12,955	11,409
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky	95	88	99	64	996	666	604	546
Tennessee	91	107	144	103	1,266	1,045	997	842
Alabama	104	74	83	87	883	663	567	497
Mississippi	46	64	55	51	533	418	362	385
Total East South Central	336	333	381	305	3,678	2,792	2,530	2,270
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Arkansas	57	43	15	19	483	348	382	394
Oklahoma	93	129	125	98	1,277	1,022	844	876
Louisiana	125	152	136	93	1,360	973	903	742
Texas	434	645	297	372	4,818	3,459	3,180	3,133
Total West South Central	709	969	573	582	7,938	5,802	5,309	5,145
MOUNTAIN								
Montana	46	32	26	23	339	276	263	210
Idaho	25	28	46	24	360	283	273	233
Wyoming	17	21	25	28	240	222	157	173
Colorado	156	123	198	120	1,774	1,221	822	671
New Mexico	38	31	42	32	401	302	262	204
Arizona	96	90	87	94	1,015	873	639	676
Utah	36	52	60	59	627	548	342	310
Nevada	86	135	134	87	1,291	874	729	557
Total Mountain	500	512	618	467	6,047	4,599	3,487	3,034
PACIFIC								
Washington	120	162	260	140	1,648	1,157	1,061	827
Oregon	89	98	85	77	999	735	712	657
California	1,180	1,201	1,199	1,144	12,685	9,308	8,012	6,979
Total Pacific	1,389	1,461	1,544	1,361	15,332	11,200	9,785	8,463
TOTAL 48 STATES	10,698	11,024	10,983	9,852	117,955	95,448	86,361	77,804

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS—48 STATES—MONTHLY—JULY 1945 TO DATE

	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945
January	13,181	9,543	9,468	8,357	8,515	9,070	7,906	11,000	12,112	13,006	.....
February	11,369	8,533	7,943	7,138	6,590	7,736	6,362	7,873	9,111	10,554	.....
March	13,417	10,514	9,659	7,902	7,649	9,180	7,637	9,346	10,247	12,225	.....
April	11,756	10,272	9,507	8,284	7,653	8,375	7,273	9,223	9,802	12,469	.....
May	12,029	9,280	8,968	7,915	7,544	9,216	7,445	8,246	9,179	12,044	.....
June	12,605	9,748	8,926	7,819	6,810	8,861	7,260	8,550	8,922	11,402	.....
July	10,893	9,409	8,703	7,549	6,428	7,191	6,424	7,690	9,041	11,987	4,213
August	10,983	9,041	7,487	7,088	6,496	7,201	6,828	6,723	8,055	10,400	4,578
September	11,024	9,256	7,433	7,529	5,950	6,277	6,867	6,930	8,561	9,551	4,826
October	10,698	9,852	8,267	8,223	6,812	6,782	6,877	6,686	9,609	10,799	7,027
November	.....	9,735	7,269	6,741	6,289	6,256	6,755	6,413	7,873	8,485	7,120
December	.....	11,981	8,915	8,274	6,913	6,780	7,857	7,421	10,126	9,994	8,350
Total	.....	117,164	100,545	92,819	83,649	92,925	85,491	96,101	112,638	132,916	.....

Failures by Divisions of Industry—October and 10 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of October			Ten Months			Month of October			Ten Months		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
Mining & Manufacturing:												
Mining—Coal, Oil, Miscellaneous	3	1	4	44	37	36	756	95	111	4,273	7,864	2,484
Food & Kindred Products	19	19	9	139	150	132	797	716	512	12,622	14,580	15,728
Textile Mill Products & Apparel	40	46	47	416	454	363	2,775	1,856	3,503	20,928	23,752	25,181
Lumber & Lumber Products	25	35	32	264	282	231	1,470	1,108	1,134	11,433	13,067	11,804
Paper, Printing & Publishing	15	8	12	95	106	99	784	178	397	3,768	8,344	10,390
Chemicals & Allied Products	4	3	6	43	64	51	165	105	1,637	3,156	4,886	6,948
Leather & Leather Products	6	5	12	75	83	88	172	387	332	4,257	5,894	6,447
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4	6	6	42	48	31	128	386	142	1,680	1,631	1,261
Iron, Steel & Products	9	10	8	98	97	51	386	378	2,741	10,674	9,271	10,188
Machinery	19	23	13	235	248	125	932	809	1,735	32,808	35,487	16,243
Transportation Equipment	2	2	9	40	42	46	70	129	1,655	3,912	4,797	5,401
Miscellaneous	34	31	30	324	288	236	1,972	1,460	1,057	21,774	16,086	9,480
Total Mining & Manufacturing	180	189	188	1,815	1,899	1,489	10,407	7,547	14,956	131,285	145,659	121,555
Wholesale Trade:												
Food & Farm Products	11	23	18	231	242	222	432	978	709	10,295	11,435	14,057
Apparel	6	2	4	55	39	29	234	40	130	2,025	1,055	917
Dry Goods	2	3	6	41	52	33	77	31	693	1,386	2,213	1,862
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	10	9	12	111	93	81	267	208	471	5,479	4,137	7,703
Chemicals & Drugs	4	5	6	32	37	30	118	136	270	1,065	772	1,246
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equipment	6	4	2	60	48	26	385	104	44	1,707	1,718	856
Miscellaneous	46	45	36	446	437	339	903	1,426	1,918	19,790	23,145	16,481
Total Wholesale Trade	85	91	84	976	948	760	2,416	2,923	4,235	41,747	44,475	43,122
Retail Trade:												
Food & Liquor	100	99	87	885	832	730	2,339	1,433	1,285	15,462	12,013	12,607
General Merchandise	16	18	15	162	159	125	186	312	424	4,498	6,452	3,792
Apparel & Accessories	60	46	39	718	675	506	1,125	617	1,001	14,114	12,806	13,575
Furniture, Home Furnishings	55	54	52	616	785	554	1,070	1,987	1,633	17,461	39,064	21,043
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hardware	39	23	25	269	254	184	1,995	1,232	522	8,640	7,950	6,053
Automotive Group	48	49	54	440	508	429	820	1,111	1,845	9,752	18,756	14,438
Eating & Drinking Places	74	80	87	807	817	667	1,447	1,340	1,721	16,761	15,542	14,814
Drug Stores	8	12	14	104	131	97	74	1,363	497	2,182	3,977	3,365
Miscellaneous	37	40	31	472	427	318	530	2,450	743	9,348	9,938	6,772
Total Retail Trade	437	414	404	4,473	4,588	3,610	9,586	11,845	9,671	98,218	126,498	96,459
Construction:												
General Building Contractors	41	38	38	361	375	310	2,808	1,691	2,323	31,071	22,327	16,215
Building Sub-Contractors	88	66	46	712	645	481	5,419	2,408	1,503	27,704	19,004	13,361
Other Contractors	7	5	5	62	45	47	486	634	540	7,319	2,713	4,976
Total Construction	136	109	89	1,135	1,065	838	8,713	4,733	4,366	66,094	44,044	34,552
Commercial Service:												
Passenger & Freight Transportation	26	25	20	213	248	173	722	899	541	11,120	12,894	6,498
Miscellaneous Public Services	2	..	3	23	30	19	75	..	44	3,799	1,379	2,219
Hotels	6	..	4	35	28	20	2,128	..	2,392	5,747	1,977	3,260
Cleaning, Dyeing & Repairing	8	4	7	82	90	60	102	105	146	1,098	1,530	1,000
Laundries	8	7	7	44	33	32	238	323	127	1,136	974	914
Undertakers	..	2	..	6	3	3	..	17	..	328	27	82
Other Personal Services	3	5	3	48	47	34	15	54	10	435	621	406
Business & Repair Services	28	25	31	266	257	196	375	554	588	3,947	7,380	3,537
Total Commercial Service	81	68	75	717	736	537	3,655	1,952	3,848	27,610	26,782	17,916
TOTAL UNITED STATES	919	871	840	9,116	9,236	7,234	34,777	29,000	37,076	364,954	387,458	313,604

Failures in Large Cities—October and 10 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
Cities (1940 Population Ranking)	Month of October			Ten Months			Month of October			Ten Months		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
New York, N. Y.	172	167	195	1,784	1,933	1,682	6,424	5,980	8,456	60,635	72,520	74,394
Chicago, Ills.	17	18	21	231	254	196	583	224	1,212	10,595	29,221	14,139
Philadelphia, Pa.	27	23	14	192	173	143	856	1,343	707	6,137	7,090	5,008
Detroit, Mich.	5	7	2	80	62	44	96	499	124	7,275	4,869	2,049
Los Angeles, Cal.	31	23	44	311	390	340	629	623	1,342	11,237	13,377	15,223
Cleveland, Ohio	7	6	7	79	84	46	104	156	135	3,358	2,811	1,777
Baltimore, Md.	5	5	15	97	108	76	83	73	157	2,894	2,938	3,149
St. Louis, Mo.	3	1	4	26	17	10	202	60	115	719	1,091	1,135
Boston, Mass.	10	13	5	127	89	77	233	587	116	5,701	3,264	2,355
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5	6	3	41	60	30	105	140	136	2,447	2,342	3,379
Washington, D. C.	2	3	3	34	53	20	70	148	227	6,753	4,371	1,512
San Francisco, Cal.	6	13	10	138	146	111	121	298	241	4,692	5,395	3,564
Milwaukee, Wisc.	8	8	5	117	69	60	129	308	102	2,409	2,076	1,710
Buffalo, N. Y.	2	4	..	48	42	35	88	202	..	2,312	1,258	1,763
New Orleans, La.	1	2	2	27	19	25	29	15	22	1,363	525	479
Minneapolis, Minn.	5	3	1	45	35	29	51	44	9	1,826	1,945	1,246
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	4	4	22	34	24	62	30	66	856	1,390	997
Newark, N. J.	10	4	2	74	56	50	2,994	123	53	6,192	2,270	2,429
Kansas City, Mo.	1	4	3	11	33	23	19	133	81	574	1,259	810
Indianapolis, Ind.	4	5	..	16	35	6	1,054	362	..	1,399	1,694	106
Houston, Texas	1	1	1	27	32	23	20	21	25	1,313	1,611	2,391
Seattle, Wash.	5	5	3	61	50	38	180	86	63	2,076	1,151	1,623
Rochester, N. Y.	4	6	2	36	39	40	364	133	16	806	1,027	1,582
Louisville, Ky.	1	1	2	12	7	17	25	36	173	565	399	748
Denver, Col.	7	4	4	41	34	16	179	168	170	1,607	1,353	710
Total 25 Cities	341	336	352	3,677	3,854	3,161	14,700	11,792	13,748	145,541	167,267	144,278
Balance of Country	578	535	488	5,439	5,382	4,073	20,077	17,208	23,328	219,413	220,191	169,326
Total United States	919	871	840	9,116	9,236	7,234	34,777	29,000	37,076	364,954	387,458	313,604

United States Failures by States—October and 10 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of October			Ten Months			Month of October			Ten Months		
	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
New England:												
Maine	3	2	3	30	38	28	140	18	56	1,089	1,183	2,117
New Hampshire	..	1	1	23	19	18	..	11	8	1,075	792	350
Vermont	..	..	2	6	6	6	..	..	24	394	105	227
Massachusetts	31	30	30	348	304	251	1,411	1,292	1,320	19,842	12,229	9,876
Connecticut	12	18	23	139	144	157	234	313	396	4,343	8,109	5,537
Rhode Island	7	9	10	92	93	81	139	170	301	4,384	3,460	2,495
Total New England	53	60	69	638	604	541	1,933	1,804	2,105	31,127	25,878	20,532
Middle Atlantic:												
New York	213	204	231	2,277	2,381	2,079	7,635	8,108	9,361	80,077	89,270	90,101
New Jersey	38	31	29	379	327	304	4,459	1,064	3,494	26,479	17,155	20,250
Pennsylvania	50	60	36	456	438	321	1,954	2,067	3,153	17,800	23,326	17,704
Total Middle Atlantic	301	295	296	3,112	3,146	2,704	14,068	11,239	16,008	124,356	129,751	128,055
East North Central:												
Ohio	33	25	36	324	329	222	764	494	862	10,997	11,647	6,754
Indiana	11	14	3	84	119	45	1,179	504	51	4,561	4,418	2,104
Illinois	34	30	26	366	383	271	956	822	1,427	15,018	35,288	16,103
Michigan	9	25	8	174	178	96	178	939	527	12,172	9,649	4,405
Wisconsin	26	36	16	290	188	164	641	838	273	7,049	5,519	5,320
Total East North Central	113	130	89	1,238	1,197	798	3,718	3,597	3,140	49,747	66,721	34,686
West North Central:												
Minnesota	16	4	8	112	87	70	577	52	179	6,257	3,964	3,036
Iowa	6	5	1	47	43	49	275	144	25	1,822	2,194	2,692
Missouri	7	11	8	64	85	53	251	271	213	2,125	3,221	2,742
North Dakota	..	3	..	3	5	3	..	29	..	453	322	141
South Dakota	..	..	..	4	2	3	..	..	..	97	68	25
Nebraska	3	5	..	17	32	11	45	116	..	2,309	984	716
Kansas	4	4	3	40	47	28	32	76	121	1,107	1,251	991
Total West North Central	36	32	20	287	301	217	1,180	688	538	14,170	12,004	10,343
South Atlantic:												
Maryland	7	8	19	119	148	105	113	206	304	3,509	4,262	4,093
Delaware	..	1	..	5	4	5	..	79	..	129	410	64
District of Columbia	2	3	3	34	53	20	70	149	227	6,751	4,371	1,510
Virginia	7	4	5	64	90	48	320	99	52	2,888	3,561	1,181
West Virginia	7	11	6	79	66	49	621	269	226	2,938	1,755	3,881
North Carolina	3	5	6	47	65	47	72	266	1,197	2,873	4,669	3,376
South Carolina	10	4	4	48	47	26	150	137	130	1,908	5,561	1,072
Georgia	9	8	12	120	122	92	134	180	250	4,456	4,402	2,688
Florida	23	18	12	212	207	155	673	1,036	2,587	10,241	8,159	7,838
Total South Atlantic	68	62	67	728	802	547	2,153	2,421	4,973	35,693	37,150	25,703
East South Central:												
Kentucky	3	7	4	35	33	39	148	446	249	1,443	1,317	1,259
Tennessee	15	5	6	104	74	60	547	89	154	8,049	2,505	2,598
Alabama	3	11	12	51	68	86	35	331	234	4,342	1,561	4,070
Mississippi	3	6	3	47	60	44	73	172	59	1,210	2,256	1,712
Total East South Central	24	29	25	237	235	229	803	1,038	696	15,044	7,639	9,639
West South Central:												
Arkansas	2	4	3	34	32	27	26	668	31	934	1,449	1,068
Oklahoma	5	4	5	41	38	28	142	40	244	1,411	1,160	1,295
Louisiana	3	5	10	66	81	71	59	94	238	2,451	3,909	1,995
Texas	23	12	12	171	209	147	1,497	563	989	7,870	12,759	12,220
Total West South Central	33	25	30	312	360	273	1,724	1,365	1,502	12,666	19,277	16,578
Mountain:												
Montana	2	3	1	15	10	7	7	50	13	217	194	93
Idaho	..	1	3	7	17	23	..	25	96	330	678	928
Wyoming	..	..	1	7	1	6	..	..	10	264	37	125
Colorado	14	5	4	59	48	30	368	194	170	2,682	1,952	1,378
New Mexico	..	1	1	15	20	14	..	134	8	1,522	723	888
Arizona	8	6	6	78	90	60	174	94	261	1,835	1,750	1,676
Utah	..	4	1	23	40	33	..	106	6	1,419	1,443	721
Nevada	3	7	..	26	34	9	2,014	43	..	2,411	1,012	633
Total Mountain	27	27	17	230	260	182	2,563	696	564	10,680	7,739	6,442
Pacific:												
Washington	27	16	11	178	141	103	634	308	418	5,239	3,865	3,484
Oregon	13	9	8	91	98	56	319	405	87	3,151	4,638	2,186
California	224	186	208	2,065	2,092	1,584	5,682	5,439	7,045	63,081	72,746	55,956
Total Pacific	264	211	227	2,334	2,331	1,743	6,635	6,152	7,550	71,471	81,249	61,626
Total United States	919	871	840	9,116	9,236	7,234	34,777	29,000	37,076	364,954	387,458	313,604

Canadian Failures by Provinces—October and 10 Months 1955, 1954 and 1953

	Number of Failures						Current Liabilities in Thousands of Dollars					
	Month of October			Ten Months			Month of October			Ten Months		
Canada:	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953	1955	1954	1953
Newfoundland	2	1	..	12	7	10	164	22	..	699	194	220
Prince Edward Island	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	507	27	20
Nova Scotia	..	..	..	5	14	5	..	..	..	659	373	324
New Brunswick	..	..	1	13	19	7	..	..	1	801	538	159
Quebec	63	62	44	653	651	470	1,373	2,055	1,090	14,137	20,826	10,783
Ontario	33	34	24	301	309	187	950	1,223	637	8,787	16,194	6,238
Manitoba	4	1	8	34	23	39	67	17	326	1,329	1,438	1,236
Saskatchewan	4	4	1	27	20	7	263	60	16	1,375	602	118
Alberta	..	5	4	8	36	23	..	86	119	251	1,973	891
British Columbia	4	1	8	65	52	63	62	38	260	1,380	2,574	2,439
Total Canada	110	108	90	1,121	1,132	812	2,879	3,501	2,449	29,935	44,739	22,428

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—October and 10 Months 1955 and 1954

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	OCTOBER 1955				TEN MONTHS 1955				TEN MONTHS 1954			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
Mining & Manufacturing	180	100.0	10,407	10,407	1,815	100.0	131,285	132,934	1,899	100.0	145,659	147,176
Under $5,000	21	11.7	70	70	152	8.4	452	452	170	8.9	494	494
$5,000 to $25,000	71	39.4	1,072	1,072	743	41.0	9,603	9,603	781	41.1	9,808	9,808
$25,000 to $100,000	63	35.0	2,811	2,811	628	34.5	29,844	29,844	630	33.2	30,685	30,685
$100,000 to $1,000,000	24	13.3	5,291	5,291	277	15.3	64,028	65,405	303	16.0	71,694	73,211
$1,000,000 and Over	1	0.6	1,163	1,163	15	0.8	27,358	27,630	15	0.8	32,978	32,978
Wholesale Trade	85	100.0	2,416	2,416	976	100.0	41,747	41,827	948	100.0	44,475	45,730
Under $5,000	10	11.7	32	32	84	8.6	242	242	83	8.8	249	249
$5,000 to $25,000	44	51.8	592	592	453	46.4	6,031	6,031	421	44.4	5,707	5,707
$25,000 to $100,000	26	30.6	1,144	1,144	343	35.2	16,307	16,307	347	36.6	16,686	16,686
$100,000 to $1,000,000	5	5.9	648	648	94	9.6	17,131	17,211	96	10.1	21,399	21,654
$1,000,000 and Over	..	..	..	..	2	0.2	2,036	2,036	1	0.1	434	1,434
Retail Trade	437	100.0	9,586	9,586	4,473	100.0	98,218	99,449	4,588	100.0	126,498	127,655
Under $5,000	82	18.8	240	240	934	20.9	2,724	2,724	830	18.1	2,487	2,487
$5,000 to $25,000	251	57.4	2,888	2,888	2,489	55.6	29,761	29,761	2,650	57.7	31,944	31,944
$25,000 to $100,000	93	21.2	3,994	3,994	907	20.3	39,653	39,653	944	20.6	41,598	41,598
$100,000 to $1,000,000	11	2.5	2,464	2,464	143	3.2	26,080	27,311	159	3.5	30,196	31,353
$1,000,000 and Over	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0.1	20,273	20,273
Construction	136	100.0	8,713	8,713	1,135	100.0	66,094	66,229	1,065	100.0	44,044	44,292
Under $5,000	13	9.6	43	43	127	11.2	399	399	118	11.1	367	367
$5,000 to $25,000	59	43.4	776	776	506	44.6	6,840	6,840	490	46.0	6,364	6,364
$25,000 to $100,000	50	36.7	2,414	2,414	380	33.5	18,111	18,111	368	34.5	17,439	17,439
$100,000 to $1,000,000	13	9.6	2,899	2,899	116	10.2	25,079	25,214	88	8.3	17,836	18,084
$1,000,000 and Over	1	0.7	2,581	2,581	6	0.5	15,665	15,665	1	0.1	2,038	2,038
Commercial Service	81	100.0	3,655	3,655	717	100.0	27,610	27,610	736	100.0	26,782	27,053
Under $5,000	19	23.5	58	58	177	24.7	520	520	144	19.6	405	405
$5,000 to $25,000	44	54.3	512	512	348	48.5	4,243	4,243	370	50.3	4,650	4,650
$25,000 to $100,000	16	19.8	785	785	150	20.9	7,001	7,001	171	23.2	7,904	7,904
$100,000 to $1,000,000	1	1.2	300	300	39	5.5	10,290	10,290	49	6.6	11,473	11,744
$1,000,000 and Over	1	1.2	2,000	2,000	3	0.4	5,556	5,556	2	0.3	2,350	2,350
Total United States	919	100.0	34,777	34,777	9,116	100.0	364,954	368,049	9,236	100.0	387,458	391,906
Under $5,000	145	15.8	443	443	1,474	16.2	4,337	4,337	1,345	14.6	4,002	4,002
$5,000 to $25,000	469	51.1	5,840	5,840	4,539	49.8	56,478	56,478	4,712	51.0	58,473	58,473
$25,000 to $100,000	248	27.0	11,148	11,148	2,408	26.4	110,916	110,916	2,460	26.6	114,312	114,312
$100,000 to $1,000,000	54	5.8	11,602	11,602	669	7.3	142,608	145,431	695	7.5	152,598	156,046
$1,000,000 and Over	3	0.3	5,744	5,744	26	0.3	50,615	50,887	24	0.3	58,073	59,073

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—October 1955

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	Mining & Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston (1)	9	361	5	345	24	303	7	334	6	532	51	1,875
New York (2)	74	4,737	25	675	126	2,717	11	3,276	12	235	248	11,640
Philadelphia (3)	16	976	8	111	12	346	8	474	..	..	44	1,907
Cleveland (4)	8	370	5	98	21	722	7	166	5	38	46	1,394
Richmond (5)	2	25	4	73	16	385	12	842	1	4	35	1,329
Atlanta (6)	7	298	2	66	25	528	5	144	5	25	44	1,061
Chicago (7)	18	1,689	5	135	35	704	17	489	5	63	80	3,080
St. Louis (8)	4	285	5	278	6	64	5	158	2	40	22	825
Minneapolis (9)	1	50	1	5	15	520	2	110	2	16	21	701
Kansas City (10)	..	..	2	94	18	330	7	172	1	20	28	616
Dallas (11)	5	219	2	63	8	164	11	1,116	2	74	28	1,636
San Francisco (12)	36	1,397	21	473	131	2,803	44	1,432	40	2,608	272	8,713
Total United States	180	10,407	85	2,416	437	9,586	136	8,713	81	3,655	919	34,777

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index*			
	1955	1954	1953	1952	1955	1954	1953	1952
January	42.9	39.4	28.2	29.7	40.9	36.8	26.4	27.8
February	45.6	47.9	35.6	31.0	38.6	40.9	30.4	26.3
March	44.0	46.7	32.2	31.6	41.1	43.6	29.8	29.5
April	39.7	42.9	30.3	34.4	36.8	39.7	28.1	31.6
May	43.7	43.1	31.5	28.1	41.6	41.0	30.0	26.5
June	40.2	42.5	35.4	30.7	40.6	42.9	35.8	31.0
July	39.1	37.6	31.3	25.4	42.0	40.4	33.7	27.3
August	37.4	40.1	30.3	25.9	41.6	44.1	33.7	29.1
September	37.5	37.5	30.7	24.5	43.6	44.1	36.1	28.8
October	41.9	39.9	36.2	27.4	44.6	42.4	38.9	29.8
November	....	46.4	41.7	30.3	....	46.4	41.7	30.3
December	....	40.3	35.3	25.3	....	42.9	37.2	28.6
Mo. Average	41.2	42.0	33.2	28.7	....	....	....	....

(*) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether in secured form or not, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1953 to Date

	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
1953											
January	647	130	20.0	66	10.2	334	51.6	78	12.0	39	6.2
February	691	132	19.1	76	11.0	348	50.4	86	12.4	49	7.1
March	739	154	20.8	76	10.3	361	48.9	85	11.5	63	8.5
April	693	140	20.2	75	10.8	344	49.7	86	12.4	48	6.9
May	697	143	20.5	74	10.6	344	49.4	70	10.0	66	9.5
June	817	145	17.7	80	9.8	419	51.3	99	12.1	74	9.1
July	724	164	22.7	73	10.1	380	52.5	64	8.8	43	5.9
August	700	148	21.2	71	10.1	340	48.6	92	13.1	49	7.0
September	686	145	21.1	85	12.4	336	49.0	89	13.0	31	4.5
October	840	188	22.4	84	10.0	404	48.1	89	10.6	75	8.9
November	815	175	21.5	88	10.8	389	47.7	97	11.9	66	8.1
December	813	193	23.7	85	10.5	382	47.0	89	10.9	64	7.9
Total Year	8,862	1,857	21.0	933	10.5	4,381	49.4	1,024	11.6	667	7.5
1954											
January	867	192	22.2	79	9.1	450	51.9	86	9.9	60	6.9
February	926	207	22.3	87	9.4	449	48.5	109	11.8	74	8.0
March	1,102	198	17.9	123	11.2	551	50.0	143	13.0	87	7.9
April	975	200	20.5	82	8.4	535	54.9	92	9.4	66	6.8
May	943	200	21.2	91	9.6	460	48.8	111	11.8	81	8.6
June	965	208	21.6	89	9.2	455	47.1	132	13.7	81	8.4
July	856	165	19.3	99	11.6	417	48.7	95	11.1	80	9.3
August	912	187	20.5	94	10.3	451	49.4	100	11.0	80	8.8
September	819	153	18.7	113	13.8	406	49.6	88	10.7	59	7.2
October	871	189	21.7	91	10.5	414	47.5	109	12.5	68	7.8
November	933	179	19.2	86	9.2	490	52.5	110	11.8	68	7.3
December	917	204	22.2	98	10.7	413	45.0	130	14.2	72	7.9
Total Year	11,086	2,282	20.6	1,132	10.2	5,491	49.5	1,305	11.8	876	7.9
1955											
January	939	195	20.8	114	12.1	456	48.5	87	9.3	87	9.3
February	877	188	21.4	104	11.9	412	47.0	113	12.9	60	6.8
March	1,038	225	21.7	119	11.5	520	50.1	108	10.4	66	6.3
April	903	154	17.1	93	10.3	484	53.6	106	11.7	66	7.3
May	955	168	17.6	87	9.1	499	52.2	121	12.7	80	8.4
June	914	200	21.9	79	8.6	446	48.8	114	12.5	75	8.2
July	861	179	20.8	89	10.3	423	49.1	102	11.9	68	7.9
August	888	158	17.8	107	12.1	430	48.4	134	15.1	59	6.6
September	822	168	20.5	99	12.0	366	44.5	114	13.9	75	9.1
October	919	180	19.6	85	9.2	437	47.6	136	14.8	81	8.8
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1953 to Date

	Total Number	Under $5,000	% of Total	$5,000 to $25,000	% of Total	$25,000 to $100,000	% of Total	$100,000 to $1,000,000	% of Total	$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
1953											
January	647	102	15.8	332	51.3	170	26.3	43	6.6	..	..
February	691	124	18.0	349	50.5	159	23.0	56	8.1	3	0.4
March	739	118	16.0	371	50.2	185	25.0	62	8.4	3	0.4
April	693	104	15.0	351	50.6	173	25.0	65	9.4	..	..
May	697	129	18.5	323	46.3	184	26.4	57	8.2	4	0.6
June	817	139	17.0	395	48.3	233	28.5	47	5.8	3	0.4
July	724	113	15.6	332	45.9	206	28.5	68	9.3	5	0.7
August	700	102	14.6	350	50.0	187	26.7	58	8.3	3	0.4
September	686	90	13.1	321	46.8	199	29.0	75	10.9	1	0.2
October	840	132	15.7	412	49.1	222	26.4	68	8.1	6	0.7
November	815	112	13.5	405	49.7	228	28.0	67	8.2	3	0.4
December	813	118	14.5	376	46.2	229	28.2	82	10.1	8	1.0
Total Year	8,862	1,383	15.6	4,317	48.7	2,375	26.8	748	8.5	39	0.4
1954											
January	867	134	15.5	427	49.2	249	28.7	55	6.3	2	0.3
February	926	119	12.8	458	49.5	271	29.3	73	7.9	5	0.5
March	1,102	144	13.1	558	50.6	296	26.9	102	9.2	2	0.2
April	975	148	15.2	514	52.7	242	24.8	67	6.9	4	0.4
May	943	149	15.8	482	51.1	243	25.8	66	7.0	3	0.3
June	965	119	12.3	497	51.5	268	27.8	78	8.1	3	0.3
July	856	123	14.4	457	53.4	208	24.3	68	7.9	..	..
August	912	138	15.1	472	51.8	232	25.4	70	7.7	..	..
September	819	121	14.8	400	48.8	231	28.2	63	7.7	4	0.5
October	871	150	17.2	447	51.3	220	25.3	53	6.1	1	0.1
November	933	143	15.3	491	52.6	236	25.3	60	6.5	3	0.3
December	917	152	16.6	437	47.6	250	27.3	74	8.1	4	0.4
Total Year	11,086	1,640	14.8	5,640	50.8	2,946	26.6	829	7.5	31	0.3
1955											
January	939	133	14.2	484	51.5	256	27.3	62	6.6	4	0.4
February	877	108	12.3	453	51.7	242	27.6	70	8.0	4	0.4
March	1,038	161	15.5	521	50.2	270	26.0	83	8.0	3	0.3
April	903	159	17.6	469	52.0	216	23.9	56	6.2	3	0.3
May	955	163	17.1	484	50.7	253	26.5	52	5.4	3	0.3
June	914	170	18.6	420	45.9	241	26.4	82	9.0	1	0.1
July	861	149	17.3	420	48.8	232	27.0	58	6.7	2	0.2
August	888	157	17.7	431	48.5	223	25.1	76	8.6	1	0.1
September	822	129	15.7	388	47.2	227	27.6	76	9.2	2	0.3
October	919	145	15.8	469	51.1	248	27.0	54	5.8	3	0.3
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..